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1.

Locomotive Column Nos 3, 6, 7, 12 and 13 each had to make available 10 locomotives for current operations within the zone. Locomotive Column No 11 detached 20 locomotives to the railroad operations office in Frankfurt/Oder, and Locomotive Column No 10 had to detach 10 locomotives to the pool of locomotives ready for immediate employment within the zone. (1)

2. These measures brought about the following changes in the previous status of locomotive columns:

Locomotive Column	13	kept cold	20 locomotives	type 52)
Ducherow	13	kept cold	20 locomotives	type 52)
Blumenhagen	12	"	20 "	" 52)
Ruednitz	3	"	20 "	" 50)
Deeskow	7	"	20 "	" 50)
Strasburg	6	"	20 "	" 52)
Hoyerswerda	11	"	10 "	" 52 (3)

Locomotive Column	10	operational	20 locomotives	type 52	(4)
Cottbus	10	operational	20 locomotives	type 52	(4)
Frankfurt/Oder	"	150	"	" 52	(5)
Marshaling Yard					

3. Source learned at the Halle regional railroad headquarters (RBD) that, prior to 31 December 1951, the Soviet agency attached to that RBD consisted of the office of the Soviet military plenipotentiary and the Soviet transportation section. Chief of the former office was Major Rudakov (fnu) who was assisted by several Soviet officers and EM. The Soviet transportation section, which

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was staffed by Soviet railroad personnel, gave its orders to the various departments of the regional railroad headquarters. It also handled all Soviet interest shipments including reparations and commercial traffic. One Herr Seek (fnu) and one Herr Buttler (fnu) who apparently is a Baltic German, were attached as interpreters to the Soviet railroad transportation agency. (6)

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[] Comments.

- (1) It is believed that these measures are of a temporary nature and are designed to alleviate the shortage of locomotives in the zone and thus to improve the present critical operations situation of the Soviet Zone railroads. As previously, 370 locomotives are being carried as equipment of the locomotive columns in the tabulations of locomotives by the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin.
- (2) This information confirms that the locomotives of the locomotive columns deactivated in the fall of 1950 are still being kept cold as a reserve at their previously reported locations. Not mentioned were the locomotives of deactivated Locomotive Column No 9 which are parked in Kling, west of Forst.
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- (3) Locomotive Column No 11 was reported as still being operational in late November 1951. [] The statement that the locomotives of this column were being kept cold at Moyerswerda therefore requires confirmation.
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- (4) This statement confirms operational Locomotive Column No 10 at its previous location.
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- (5) These locomotives are assigned to operational Locomotive Columns Nos 2, 4, 5 and 8, which are stationed at the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard.
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- (6) Such Soviet agencies are attached to all of the eight regional railroad headquarters. They do not only control Soviet traffic but also exercise a close supervision over German railroad operations. Major Rudakov is reported for the first time.

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